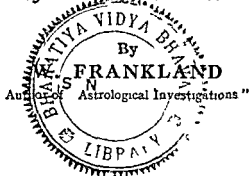


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# NEW MEASURES IN ASTROLOGY

*A Symbolic Basis in Directions*



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## PREFACE

DURING my years of astrological studies, my faith in astrological principles has steadily deepened.

Round about 1922 and until 1925, like many other students, the seeming irregularities in the effects of directions were often a source of anxiety. This did not lessen my belief in astrology, but led me to think there must be some deeper cause behind whereby ordinary directions were sometimes rendered inadequate in their nature and effects.

For a period of about three years, investigation along this line was my chief aim, theory after theory being tested as they came to my mind.

It was not until 1925, however, that my investigations found a basis, from which the new measures now given out in this book were established. By July 1926 I was satisfied that a measure (which I have named *Operative Influence*) existed. From 1926 until the present the measure has been tested, and can now

be launched out, capable of proving its own value.

Mr. Protheroe Smith has been aware of some measure being tested by me since 1926 and shared my secret early this present year, 1928. I would express my thanks to him for his valuable assistance in various tests since that time.

It now remains for students to make their own tests and thus judge its merits or otherwise.

W. FRANKLAND.

*November 16th, 1928.*

## FOREWORD

TOWARDS the end of 1926 I had my first interview with Mr. Frankland. It proved to be a startling one. My astrological complacency had been severely shaken during 1924 and 1925 by some events which were entirely unaccountable according to accepted methods of directing. The birth horoscope had shown the probability of such events at some time or another, but the recognised time factors had conspicuously failed.

Having been a student for eleven years, I was naturally disappointed, not to say disgruntled, and I had made my way to Mr. Frankland's office intent on complaining bitterly to him of the inadequacy of our science, when a crisis of outstanding consequence could strike one unawares.

But I had neither time nor opportunity to state my grievance and the nature of my mission. Mr. Frankland took the offending chart in his hand, looked at it for a few moments, and proceeded to describe the very events in

question, their nature, and the time of their occurrence

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influence The study of one planet alone has provided subject matter for a whole book (see Leo's books on *Mars* or *Saturn*), and it is even then by no means the end of the subject

How much value lies in a study of the luminaries, the Sun and Moon

Think of the twelve signs, those mysterious divisions of the Sun's pathway

That excellent extensive book of Miss Pagan's, or the *Pathway of the Soul*, by Van Stone, what a mine of knowledge—yet all this information can be acquired simply and without calculations

Acquire these keys and you may approach it like the vast sea You may sport in the waters by the surface with enjoyment, benefit, and invigoration, yet there are always deeper waters, which, while their stretches may be utilised as the means for utilising are discovered, yet their power, depth, and vastness are beyond the ken of man

2nd Logical—Astrology is logical in that the foundation is sound and secure, being at once mathematical, or geometrical, therefore, the plan of the nativity is arithmetical

It has the deepest significance of any science, in that it defines a relationship between the universe and man, and its truth is demonstrable

The Apostle said, "As the body is of many parts, yet all are members of one body; so are we all members of one body." Astrology illustrates this in teaching us the relationship between the heavens and man, the operation of laws whereby the part (in this case man) is a member of the whole and participates in the *influence of the whole*.

The symbols are heavenly, and so profound that, although the human mind can always be attaining more knowledge of human life, yet the symbols carry us to depths beyond our exploration, just as the ocean challenges us to ever fully penetrate its secrets, or space invites the inventive genius, yet ever leaves it baffled with its *mystery*.

The positions (apparent) of the symbolic bodies are calculable arithmetically. Their times and seasons can be noted. Their effects can be proved by study.

3rd. Orderly.—Astrology is orderly, in that the factors with which we deal are so orderly a system that the timing of the apparent conjunctions of the planets, the new moons, the vernal equinox, etc., can be measured accurately long in advance.

If you are one to whom mathematics, technicalities, and calculations are too much

tax, be not afraid—a little study of the symbolism will always repay you and afford much insight into human life

If you are a man of deep learning, penetration, and science, then, if these statements be untenable and untrue, will your astute mind soon unmask them and discover their foolishness and be rewarded by such discovery, *but*, if you should discover their truth, then you cannot afford to ignore them

Should you be one who questions the wisdom of scanning the future or of taking any steps to guide others or direct your ways, remember that Scripture teems with prophecies and admonitions. Remember the advantage of the chart or compass to the mariner, of the signpost and bureau to the traveller, over that of the uncharted ocean and unknown paths

Astrology is of great assistance to all who seek its instruction

Astrologers—or the interpretation of the subject—are not infallible, because the interpretation of the subject comes through a mind that is human and, therefore, not infallible in judgment

Therefore, do not expect perfection, but expect sufficient evidence to be overwhelming proof and proportional success

## DIRECTIONS

THE interpretation of the horoscope may be divided into two departments :

1st. Type of character, which includes temperament, characteristics, general success, or otherwise. Consideration of such matters as health, finance, marriage, travel, children, environment, business, etc.

2nd. The time factor or predictive art as applied to various periods or years of life.

It is generally thought that the astrologer can predict *events*. The real fact is that, with his knowledge of operative or directional influences at any given year of life upon the native, and his general knowledge of human nature in its *average*, he is in the position of being able to say fairly correctly what conditions will beset the native, and the probable effects such are likely to have upon his subject.

He cannot, however, with surety name the effects. His surmise will often prove correct, because he has particular knowledge of one factor—i.e. operative influence, and general knowledge of human nature.

Therefore, he can describe conditions to be met with, and surmise probable results, but cannot give with certainty the effects such will stimulate.



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Even with this limit, the advice thus given, or obtained by study, must be of value to the balanced, intelligent person, for to have estimation in advance of opportunities or difficulties likely to be encountered allows one to prepare *oneself*, to harvest with greater vigour or skill, or in case of difficulties to entrench oneself or gird one's loins for the obstacle

There are various systems of directing, as this branch of astrology is termed, in use at present. The two chief systems are Primary and Secondary. There are other methods of more or less note, such as *Lunar Figures*, *Solar Revolutions*, etc.

Transits, or the passing of heavenly bodies over important points of the nativity, are also used, and with important effect.

These latter, in my opinion, are very important as excitants in any otherwise important year.

The first system, Primary, has been used by the most learned, mathematical minds. This system is too difficult for the average student. As to its accuracy in results, those using it are most entitled to say

The second system, Secondary Directions, as they are termed, are most commonly used. They are easier to calculate, and, therefore, *understood by the average student*.

Their value is best known to those who use them. I have known wonderful results from both Primary and Secondary Directions.

Primary Directions are based upon the theory that the rotation of the earth on its axis carries all the heavenly bodies from the mundane position they occupied in the horoscope. The measure of time employed is the time that elapses while one complete degree of Right Ascension is passing across the Meridian, or about four minutes of Sidereal Time. Each period of four minutes after birth measures one year of life (see text-books on directing by Sepharial, Bailey, Leo, Robson, Simmonite, and other well-known authors).

The Secondary Directions are based upon the theory that the changes in the heavenly bodies during the first day of life are analogous to events in the first year of life, and so on at the rate of a day for a year of life.

This is also fully explained in text-books.

In this book I venture another theory. Its foundation has a symbolism of very deep mystical nature.

It has the advantage of *simplicity*, and lies within the reach of the ordinary calculator.

Its usefulness and value must be determined by those who test it.

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Before dealing with this method, there are a few considerations I would emphasise

1st It is essential that two factors should always be studied in estimating periods and probable experiences

a That which is operative

b That upon which it is operative

Failure to recognise these factors considerably detracts the judgment

2nd That, just as there are three types of influence in the nativity—Planetary, Zodiacal, and House influence—all having some relation, yet different expressions, so it is here suggested that there are three different measures of calculation for

Planetary action

Zodiacal influence

House influence

These three measures will be given, and, when combined, will form a very comprehensive set of measures each of them *very simple* compared with the results to be obtained

It will be readily understood that, employ what measure you will, estimate what years of life you will as important, there will still be required intuition and synthesis, so that,

while these measures are valuable to the intuitive student, they are measures without distinctive meaning to the pseudo-astrologer.

The measure loses its value unless the nature of the symbolism is understood, and the combination of influences be estimated.

### SOME CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE DIRECTING

IN the interpretation of directive influence there are always these three avenues of expression—namely, houses, signs, planets.

At any given period or year of life that a direction may be in force, certain methods may be adopted to ascertain whether the effects are likely to be strongest in terms of house, sign, or planet.

All three are so connected that one may safely combine the three; yet one avenue of expression may be most marked, just as we have mind, feelings, and body. When anything occurs the whole three are bound to be affected, being parts of one whole, yet we may feel the effect more marked in one of these departments. A defect to the mind, anxiety of mind, etc., carries its effect through all three; it is impossible to really dissociate them; yet the marked feature was the appeal

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to the mind A cut to the finger is related more to body, yet affects the whole system So with the three modes of expression All are affected, but one of the three may be the marked avenue of expression

Therefore, it is essential that we study well these three avenues of influence—house, sign, planets—including Sun and Moon

House influence may be related chiefly to the mundane side of existence, to the practical, physical side of life

Sign influence can be related more to the soul of things, characterising influence, a kind of mould

Planetary influence may be related to one's self—principles of the individual or personal self, such as, for instance, Mars, the Desires, Saturn, the Concrete, etc

Therefore, the houses would represent the vessel or pitcher, or material, the sign its pattern, beauty, shape, etc, the planetary influences the ingredients or substance poured into or through such receptacle

Another analogy would be

House, equal to material for the organ

Sign, equal to the pattern, type, model, and, therefore, its possible expression

Planetary, the kind of music the individual was at the time expressing

Take the second house, representing finance. House itself, material standing financially. Sign, the moulding of finance.

Planetary. A planet in the house, while it may be moulded by the sign, would also show the principle of the human being most involved, as : Mars, desire to earn and to spend, plenty of motion and action ; Jupiter, the tendency to increase, but benevolence and hospitality.

Saturn, an inclination to sound investments, etc.

These are only suggestions, to emphasise the idea that, although the three are intermingled, yet there is a difference of expression in these three.

' We can never have any of the three separate, but the effects may be more due to the dominant influence of one of the three.

### HOUSE DIVISION

WITH regard to house influence, I offer a simple calculation to determine when the houses are more ripe for effect.

It must, however, first be understood that of itself the house cannot be termed a *cause*. Therefore, you may find several years of life *ripe* for, say, the 6th house influence, and

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out of these few years one or two may pass uneventfully, because such an influence is not the positive cause, but the conditions receptive and, therefore, ripe for effects.

On the other hand, you will find that the events in conformity with any particular house are always effected on these ripe points.

These calculations are based upon the *cusps* of the houses.

This brings us to the vexed question of house division. The system most extensively used, the semi-arc, has been questioned, and I believe in that excellent book written by the able astrologer Maurice Wemyss the cusps or division is questioned.

During the past years it has been my interest to test these cusps by methods I will explain. In these tests, over a considerable period, I have proved to my satisfaction that the division in present use is of great value.

Again it must be emphasised that to deal with cusps of houses the exact time must first be established, therefore the tests were made with authentic births, such as kings, notable people whose time was vouched for, so that the cusps were correct to about a degree.

I submitted the result of these tests to an

astrologer friend, that he might also see if he could find any contradiction, but the answer was : " I always find that every event is coincident with these ripe points, though events may not be in evidence at a few of them."

This is in accordance with the statement that they are receptive points, but not in *themselves* causative of effect.

As a few minutes of birth time would alter the degrees on the cusp of the houses, it is clear that measurement of areas, periods, or years of events by cusps of houses will be confined to those cases where the time of birth is accounted for. When the time of birth is doubtful these measurements cannot be used, until the time has been ascertained or rectified.

The calculation is as follows: Add the cusp of the 4th house or ascendant to the cusp of any house required, such as the 2nd for finance, etc. To the degree thus obtained add a degree for each year of life.

The degrees on the cusps of houses should be of great importance if the division of houses are of importance.



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The apparent space occupied between one cusp and another is said to constitute the house

There has been much controversy as to how much latitude may be taken in regard to these cusps. For instance, take a case with 8 degrees of Libra on the cusp of the 2nd house, and the Sun in 3 degrees of that sign. Have we to regard the Sun as affecting the 1st house, the 2nd house, or both?

Has the cusp any value? Is it a real dividing line between the houses and their influence? This is, of course, a matter of individual opinion. It may, however, be compared with the line between two countries, *the line of territory*. On one side of this line, even to the very border, you are subject to certain laws and rules, cross that line, ever so slightly, and you are under different laws. Here we are dealing with ground and actual human laws and customs, while in regard to houses we are dealing with imaginary lines and principles.

If, however, we bring the axiom of astrology, "As above, so below," or vice versa, is it not possible, nay probable, that just as there is a sharp dividing line between one territory and another, with their differing customs and laws, to which all who enter

are subjected, there is also this sharp divisory line in regard to these celestial territories and their laws or influences—that once the line is crossed the participant is a subject to such influences?

### THE MEASURE AND EXAMPLES

IF this analogy is tenable, then the cusp or degree on that cusp would be of immense importance in its dividing capacity from one set of conditions to another.

The suggestion is here made that by a process of combination of two cusps a point is established that is important in regard to such houses. There is nothing illogical in this. We combine their influence when determining the influence of aspects from one house to another.

Once the cusps of houses are correctly established as to degree, then I suggest it is possible to establish important points by the simple method of adding the cusps of two houses together.

For instance, the cusp of the 6th house plus the cusp of the 8th may be taken as a point for dangerous illnesses, for this is combining the 6th and 8th house influence.

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Its value lies in that once the sensitive years are established, then it can readily be seen whether there is the combined influence of operative activity. This combination would make that particular year an eventful one

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	10	27	0	= 27° of Aquarius
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At 18½ dangerous illness, therefore 27° of Aquarius plus 18½ = 15½ of Pisces, which point is opposition the ruler, Mercury, and opposition Venus.

At 30½ another dangerous illness. By adding the age, 30½, on to 27 of Aquarius, we have 27½ of Pisces, which is opposition the Moon radical, and conjoined with Saturn.

Take the case of Stanley Conder, who was drowned at 15½ years of age.

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Cusp of 8th	= 4	14	0	
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	6	28	0	= 28° of Libra.
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28° of Libra plus 15½ = 13½ of Scorpio, which is conjunction with Uranus and square to the 8th house.

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Cases of honour and upliftment to the highest point.

*Take Cusp of 1st,  
plus Cusp of 10th,  
plus Jupiter's position*

Thus Hon Ramsay MacDonald, Premier at 57 years of age.

	<i>Signs</i>	<i>Degs</i>	<i>Mins</i>
Cusp of 1st =	4	8	4
Cusp of 10th =	0	10	30
Jupiter =	9	23	22
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	14	12	26
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This equals  $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  of Gemini, plus 57 years =  $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  of Leo. A very fortunate point.

Sir Richard Quain, appointed Queen's physician at 41 years of age.

	<i>Signs</i>	<i>Degs</i>	<i>Mins.</i>
Cusp of 1st =	4	24	30
<i>plus</i>			
Cusp of 10th =	1	12	30
<i>plus</i>			
Jupiter =	7	17	48
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	13	24	48 which equals $24^{\circ}$
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			48' of Taurus

$24^{\circ} 48'$  of Taurus, plus 41 years =  $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  of Cancer, almost true Sun, ruler of the 1st house.

Mussolini, Dictator at  $39\frac{1}{4}$ .

	<i>Signs</i>	<i>Degs.</i>	<i>Mins.</i>	
Cusp of 1st	=	7	19	30
Cusp of 10th	=	5	3	0
Jupiter	=	3	18	30
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		16	11	00 which equals $11^{\circ}$ of Leo.

$11^{\circ}$  of Leo, plus  $39\frac{1}{4}$  years =  $20\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  of Virgo.

This point,  $20\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  of Virgo, is conjunction Uranus, sextile Venus, sextile ascendant, and sextile Jupiter.

Numerous examples could be shown that sufficiently demonstrate the fact that the cusps of houses and their degrees are of importance, and that when they are totalled together give a point. This point, moved forward at a degree per year, reaches degrees that are beneficial or adverse. Such years are ripe for events of the nature of such houses, should there be suitable directional influence at the time.

Any student may make the calculations without elaborate tables of logarithms, semi-arcs, trigonometry, etc., and, although the mathematical formula may be of exceeding value to the deeper student, and where detailed accuracy is necessary or desired, yet this simple method will prove very valuable to those content to find important years.

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If one of these points of importance is found to accord with directions of similar nature, then the year is of great importance for such affairs

Then examine that point in the light of suitable transits or excitants to ascertain the part of the year most propitious

This method of calculation is commended for its simplicity combined with value, though of itself it is not so important as the measurements of signs and planetary bodies

It will be found that in many instances an adjustment of a degree or two on cusps of houses will yield these points

This would be like rectifying the birth time a few minutes, and in how many cases is the time known so accurately -

The cusp of the 4th house seems to be very strong in its influence, and its addition to other cusps plus years is very interesting

### IMPORTANCE OF HOUSE INFLUENCE

*THE importance of house influence cannot be over-valued, viewed in the light of the affairs of this material world*

These twelve houses cover the numerous material interests of human life



Their influence is so far-reaching, and to the deeper student opens up a valuable mine for research.

For example, the 2nd house we term the financial house, and relate it in terms of our possessions. This house is more than that.

It is, in a general sense (and to the extent that intuition can play), the 9th house of our children, the 12th of our kindred, etc.

In Alan Leo's *Horary Astrology* is given a list of the houses viewed from this standpoint.

To the student with a knowledge of the occult, these houses furnish much food for thought in that the influence of house is an indication of Karma that has been judged ripe for material expression.

The angular houses—1st, 10th, 7th, and 4th—are considered most important.

They certainly are from one point of view, in that they are expressive, less obscure in their working—yet every house is just as important, though the effects are less visible.

For example, the 10th house is allied to honour, position, matters obtaining in profession, and, from an outward point of view, how important the position or standing in life is.

To the inner self and more restricted circle, perhaps hidden away from the gaze of others,

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how important the 12th house? What effect is it having upon the feelings, the character, the whole system? To outward gaze an enigma or a closed door, but within—who shall measure?

Another important consideration in regard to house influence is the psychology of the whole nativity

To give an example It is easy to take two nativities with, say, Saturn afflicted in the 2nd house and to just trip off the statement that both are liable to obstruction and restriction financially How much deeper can this be carried? In one case Saturn may be the ruler of the nativity, or ruler of the sign with a satellitum of planets, while in the other case one may be dealing with a very jovial, rather excessive type of person

The one case is a native with an economical disposition, likely to be very grave and serious, groaning under the weight of limitation

The other may be a man of excessive or generous habits, disposed to be free, yet feeling the restriction that destiny has placed upon the wherewithal to distribute

In this material world house influence is equally as important as any other .

Sometimes one hears of people who imagine they have transcended house influence. As long as we inhabit the physical body it is impossible to have passed beyond house influence. It may be that such characters have reached a point when material considerations are secondary to others, that difficulties of a material and physical nature are met with serenity and fortitude.

Such people undoubtedly exist, though rare, and even they are challenged by such influence.

The houses are the easiest to gauge as to their influence, or at least as to their nature, yet the most uncertain to calculate, because their divisions are so dependent upon that rare factor—correct, authentic birth data, the uncertainty of which is the torture of all students of astrology.

The signs are more difficult to gauge as to their influence, but simpler to ascertain, as the difference of a little time does not alter the position of the planets in the signs, except in the case of the Moon, and cases where a planet is just on the very juncture of two signs.

Yet I venture to say that it is just as important in the affairs of life to know whether

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a planet is in one house or the other, as it is to know if in one sign or the other

There is sometimes a fondness for depreciating the material things of life, or house influence

Material things are as important in the *challenging of the faculties* and in the moulding of character as the more intangible consideration, often more so

The planet in the sign Scorpio may and does test us in the art of self mastery and in the control of our desires and feelings but the house provides the material affairs, the concrete things, in which this battle for supremacy over extremes will be either won or lost

It is often said with truth that a native with planets in Scorpio will suffer hell through intensity of feeling Why? Because there is this keen alchemical process active, the struggle between the devil of the senses, on one hand, and the *man* who has to master those senses, on the other hand and in the conflict the soul is often lacerated

What are the material objects that will appeal most to the senses? These are marked by the houses, from which the influences are directed

Therefore, while it may be argued that the sign is the more important in that the characteristics engaged in the struggle are there portrayed, yet, as the house indicates the means the tester will employ, the importance of the house is of equal value.

Unless the time is fairly accurately known—within, say, half an hour—house influence is better left alone; though its exclusion tremendously depletes the possibilities of judgment.

If known within the half-hour, then with a little skill the exact cusps of the houses can be determined, and repays the trouble that may be entailed.

### PLANETS AND SIGNS CONSIDERED

IN the case of zodiacal influence, the twelve signs, there are several points I would advise for consideration.

1st. Seek to ascertain which sign has the strongest influence in your nativity. This may be a sign containing a galaxy of planets, such as, for instance, in the author's case Virgo rises with Uranus, Mercury, Venus, and

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Moon in that sign—therefore this sign has dominant claim. In some cases it is by reason of the Sun, Moon, and Mercury being in one sign, or, in others like Mr Gladstone's, where Mercury and the Sun are in the ascendant.

If one sign be thus dominant, especially by reason of a galaxy of planets, note carefully its nature and the house it occupies.

Measure its period of 7 years. This in the author's case was the period from 35 to 42 years, the period of Virgo (see *Astrological Investigations*, W Frankland, or Mr Alan Leo's *Everybody's Astrology*).

Then measure 21 years on either side of this, in my own case 21 years either side would be from 14 to 21 years, and from 56 to 63 years.

Watch these years carefully. If there be any adverse directions they are detrimental, and certainly cause bodily changes that require care.

Then measure 14 and 28 years either side for benefit. Thus 14 years either side in above case would be 21 to 28 years and 49 to 56. If benefics operate these are exceptionally good periods, if adverse influences these periods lessen the adversity. They are better for bodily changes.

Mark the exact period of the signs thus occupied as most eventful.

In nativities where the planets are evenly distributed then important degrees should be noted and measured in the same manner, 7 years per sign, particular attention being given to degrees where ponderous planets are situated, *if strongly placed and aspected*. Thus an exact square of Saturn and Uranus would give sensitive degrees, which, measured in this way, would prove very illuminating.

The reason for this measurement is, of course, the influence of the planet Uranus on human life at this present age.

The planet Uranus plays a very important part in human affairs at this stage of evolution. Its influence would be directed previous to its recent discovery.

During the course of evolution, however, man's nature, by reason of its advancing changes, becomes more responsive to certain planets than to others. There are periods of history when man has been more responsive to Venus, or Saturn, or Mars as a whole ; and in this present age the planet Mars, but particularly Uranus, with Neptune forming a mysterious screen behind, have a quicker response from human nature.

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The period of Uranus, i.e. its passing through the Zodiac, is about 84 years, roughly 7 years per sign, and by reason of its galvanising influence, acting upon a humanity brought to a high degree of sensitiveness, marks off these 7 year periods as very important

As there are analogies between the symbols employed in astrology and human nature, so I believe there is an analogy between the vernal equinox, or 0 degrees of Aries as we term it, and the commencing of a human life

There is, as it were, the commencing of life's pathway. The electrical nature of this planet and its *corresponding nature in our life and being* can be seen by noting its average motion and comparing it to some powerful current along life's pathway, at the rate of about 7 years per sign, which stirs up or ripens anything along that pathway for effective expression

This also applies to the planet Neptune, only as yet humanity is less responsive to its mysterious influence, and at its touch are only like half dazed people murmuring in their dreams, except for abnormally developed people who may be able to utilise its mysterious power with benefit



Compare conditions to day with those existing, say, in 1740. In place of the horse traveller the congested motor traffic. In place of news slowly penetrating from place to place, wireless messages, and, if we compare the nature of man to day with then, what a different outlook and attitude.

The effect of the response to this planet Uranus can here be distinctly traced.

The great, curious shadow of Neptune can be noticed in the background, a something that must be gradually prepared for. Already its advance guard has been encountered in anæsthetics, gas, and all the poisonous fumes that are being captured or utilised.

There are some nativities even now that respond to its period of about 14 years per sign.

However, to return to Uranus, its rate of motion can be traced very clearly in nativities at present.

This is the reason why, when a nativity contains a number of planets in a particular sign, the square periods or 21 years periods from that sign are always challenging to the native's powers, physical, mental, or moral.

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Anyone can test the truth or otherwise of this statement. There are sometimes modifications of the rule, but it is a general rule.

Therefore, if Aries is analogous to the first 7 years of life, when are such qualities possessed by the native most propitious for benefit or otherwise? The first 7 years would be eventful (if occupied by malefics), then a precarious, troubled time, the period 21 to 28 challenging, as also the periods 42 to 49 and 63 to 70. The best time for such qualities would be from 14 to 21, from 28 to 35, and from 56 to 63 years of age (particularly if Aries was occupied by benefics).

This analogy can be extended to all the various signs. To use my own nativity again, Virgo rising and four planets therein, the qualities of Virgo and those planets would be most active and provocative of events during the period from 35 to 42, which was exactly the case. The period which challenged the health most was the one of Gemini, from 14 to 21 years. The period in which the qualities of Virgo may bring most expression is from 49 to 56, which period I have commenced as I write these sentences.

To employ this measure in regard to sign influence has proved invaluable to me, and

will, I hope, prove valuable to others who may follow out these ideas and improve upon them. All ideas should be taken in this attitude, *not as having any finality about them*, but as little stimulants to further research.

The setting of the whole horoscope is of far greater importance than the playing of influences upon it. The more this is realised the more effective will be our estimates. Just as Jupiter in the 10th house, exalted, is far more important than any good aspect directed to that planet if weakly placed, so are the distribution of signs and the domination of their influence more important both in character and periods of life than interchanges.

Examine these signs and their influence from another point of view and you will recognise their importance. How challenging this 21 years period can be if this measurement be demonstrable is apparent when we think of the elements. In this way the 21 years period brings us from one element to its antagonist. Thus, from the fiery sign Aries, the 21 years brings us to the watery sign Cancer, the earthy sign Taurus to the fiery sign Leo, the airy sign Gemini to the earthy sign Virgo. In the latter case we

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have a peculiarity, as both these signs are ruled by Mercury. Therefore, I think you will find that those people with many planets in either *Gemini* or *Virgo* will be challenged more in health or physically at the 21 years period, if Mercury be in either sign, rather than in studies, for both signs are conducive to an active mind.

If you find a nativity in which there is a strong cross aspect formed with heavy planets, such as *Uranus in Libra square to Saturn in Cancer* and the aspect is near exact, carefully note those two signs in all their bearing and meanings, symbolism, etc., for they are productive of the most challenging features of life. A thorough study of the two signs involved will reveal much. Saturn is destined to draw its adversity from matters under Cancer, while Uranus will draw its adversity or disturbing power from the sign *Libra*.

The most receptive periods of life for such are the position of the two planets measured at 7 years per sign, and the same degree of *Capricorn* or *Aries*. Not only that, but every passage of Saturn over these exact points stirs up the sensitive point. Also, as the signs involved were Cancer and *Libra*, you must note the rulers of those signs. In

this case they would be Venus and the Moon. The period of Venus is 8 years. Note when Venus passes over those points, and then measure every 8 years as another ripple. The Moon cycles round in about 28 years. Mark the first passage by *progression* over either of these points and each 14 years after.

If the rulers of the signs involved are malefics, such as Saturn, in Aries square to Uranus in Capricorn, they are more effective for disturbance.

In this case mark the passage of Mars over the nearest point and add each 15 years.

The signs exert an influence in the affairs of men in the way of moulding character. This mould, however, although it determines the type or shape of the ingredients of our nature, yet does not determine the substance we use through it. The nature or character of Virgo is always mental, practical, and sensitive, yet we can express through Virgo the particular literary matter or study we call for. We can determine, once we are conscious of the nature of the sign, whether we will in speech, study, or writing be discriminative, resolved to be of service, or whether we use its avenues of criticism, fads, and servility.

It is always thus, the two parts, as it were,

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of the signs If the signs were not amenable to our determination, according to their nature, then it were of no value to us to study astrology, except in morbid interest

The signs certainly demand conformity to their nature, but this has scope and is plastic in the hands of the determined individual

Yet, be it the best or the weakest of the signs we express through, it is that sign and no other

Therefore, to obtain the most from one's horoscope, or the setting which has been allotted to our present life, the nature of those signs exerting strong influence should be well studied, both as to their character and their seasons

It is well to study the signs in the nature of alchemical processes, the laboratory of the human life, and the differing crucibles in that laboratory The principles of the man, the prototype of the planets or corresponding principle within the man, being submitted to test in these various crucibles and the material ingredients also concerned in the process or means of testing, are those indicated by the houses

Take, for instance, Aries The process of

desire, to achieve, to acquire, to hew, cut new ground, to reach out with all the ardency of projected fiery spirit, being here tried and tested as to whether it shall be merely the desire that reaches out impulsively because of the "I want" in human nature, or whether the lesson shall be learnt that the aim is not only to reach and acquire, merely for personal acquiring, but ready to sacrifice energy and labour for the greater interest of humanity—self-sacrifice.

Or Taurus. The process of stocking or building and accommodating. Here there is the subtle test as to whether it is a case of "Soul, thou hast much goods, eat, drink, and make comfortable; resist all things that give thee no pleasure or disturb thy equanimity," or whether such things as we possess, whether good stock of vitality or the pleasant appointments, etc., are only held as stewards, and the lesson of obedience to the dictates of the real Venusian, the human soul, is learnt, which frees the soul from the grip of the senses, and wisely counts material as a means of distribution.

This is one reason why a Taurean, in a physical sense, is best advised to have activity of mind and body, to ensure even or better distribution of the vital forces in the system.

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It is the same with all signs, in them is an alchemical process active, where character is being moulded. On one hand, certain principles of human nature (as, for instance, the principle of expansion, Jupiter, or love, Venus, etc.), on the other hand, material interests (houses)—the result of the whole process being *experience*

The method of calculation here given enables one to estimate the more critical periods in regard to these alchemical processes, just as a wise gardener knows the most propitious seasons for certain alchemical activities in nature

These calculations, even though they bring the information of the seasons, do not illustrate that process which is in activity, therefore, *before* one seeks to estimate critical years of life, the setting and symbolism of the horoscope should be well studied

In this system of directing, one consideration is that the setting of the nativity is before us even in directing, whereas in secondary directions, with the different maps, unless one is careful the mind is apt to lose sight of the original plan

These measurements of signs and houses give us definite areas in life in which house or



sign influence is most receptive to stimulus. In my opinion they do not cause events in themselves, but are such sensitive periods that it requires very little operative influence to bring out the characteristics of such signs and houses.

In judging these areas, either house or sign, it must be remembered that we must not expect them to exceed the promise of the nativity. If, for instance, we have a 2nd house area, arriving at, say, a square of Saturn, we must not exceed in effect the adversity of finance that was indicated at birth. In such a case we are not measuring the *power* of Saturn (unless Saturn were the ruler of the 2nd house at birth). We are measuring the power of the 2nd house for good or otherwise when brought into contact with the planet of restriction, etc.

On the other hand, if the financial point is brought to a conjunction of Jupiter, we are not actually measuring the power of Jupiter, but the power of the 2nd house when brought into contact with an expanding planetary influence.

For example, in the case of Mussolini, the 1st house cusp, plus the 10th plus Jupiter gives the point of upliftment as Leo 11 degrees. At the time of his upliftment this point was

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equal to Uranus, which planet has a tendency to produce changes and reforms

It is, however, not exactly the power of Uranus we are measuring, but Uranus in the 10th house at birth—the power of the 10th house at birth when brought into contact with the galvanising influence of Uranus

Thus applies to all measurements of the houses. They give us a point, whether of finance, sickness, or any other house. These points are rendered more sensitive for benefit or difficulty according to the aspects formed, but to actually produce events they require operative influence in combination

In the same way the areas, measured in signs and degrees, only bring sensitive points, requiring some operative influence to stimulate such into action

When a sensitive area of both house and sign coincides, then the power is increased. Take again the case of Mussolini. The point of upliftment plus his years just brings him to the degree of Uranus in the 10th house at that year of life. The same year, measured by sign at 7 years per sign, also brings him exactly to this degree of Uranus, thereby giving a very sensitive area, so that an operative influence at that time would have very powerful effect. This is further increased by the point being so

powerful at birth (Uranus in the 10th house sextile Jupiter, sextile Venus, and sextile to the ascendant)

In such a case as this the point is almost causative—that is, it requires very little stimulus for effects

*It will be seen that in either case—house or sign areas—the calculations are simple, within the reach of all students, capable of demonstration, and there is no other map than the birth map required*

My aim is to establish a system whereby estimation of all important years and affairs of life can be calculated from the birth map alone

If this is possible, then it would mean that, *although the usual methods of direction may be used*, yet one can direct *without* recourse to other maps

Its usefulness or otherwise would be best ascertained by a comparison of results obtained by either method

That results are demonstrable by directions I do not for a moment deny, I have too many times proved them. The complexity, however,

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is enormous, when one finds that, in directing, one system alone gives too much uncertainty. In Primary, for instance, what enormous calculations are necessary. When all the aspects have been calculated direct, converse, zodiacal, and mundane, there are enough aspects to furnish every event perhaps, but many without events.

In Secondary Directions, too, the same thing applies.

In furnishing the equivalent cause for the event it is often a case of jumping from Secondary to Primary, or from birth map to pre-natal, or even Solar pre natal, until it is possible to become bewildered.

*Furthermore, the effect has sometimes to be laid upon an adverse aspect to a planet that has no connection whatever with the affairs in question.*

I maintain that if the houses have the influence attributed to them, then it should be that, at the time of an event such as financial gain or loss the 2nd house should be directly affected.

The Sun opposition to Saturn can be termed an adverse aspect, and is likely to vent its nature upon the native, *but*, while it gives sad or retarding events, etc., of its nature, yet the

8th house should be directly affected or very sensitive at that time if an important death occurs, and so on with the other houses. If this is not the case, then any adverse aspect could be made to fit any adverse event.

The aim of this book is to demonstrate that the house concerned with any particular affair *is* affected at the time of events, and that if we have sickness we shall find that by these simple calculations the signs or houses of such nature are in accordance with activities of that nature.

In the latter part of this book it is proposed to deal with a system of *operative influence*—simple of calculation, yet capable of covering these important events that happen in human life. These *operative influences of themselves* are causative, but, of course, rendered much more powerful when coinciding with any of these sensitive areas.

In dealing with these operative influences it will be found that when events occur of importance the *planets ruling such affairs* are brought into activity.

The calculations are made from the nativity, and *no* other map is required than the nativity itself.

The only progressed positions of planets that would be considered are those of Neptune,

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Uranus, and Saturn, which planets move in a small area of a few degrees, and can be noted almost instantly, as Neptune seldom moves more than 3 degrees by progression, Uranus about 4 or 5, and Saturn about 9 degrees, but more often a few degrees (Secondary).

PART II

OPERATIVE INFLUENCE

# OPERATIVE INFLUENCE

## INTRODUCTION

THE relation that one heavenly body bears to another body, or to, say, the cusp of a house, by its degrees removed from that body, is important, because by reason of these distances aspects are formed. These aspects give us a clue to adverse or beneficial experiences that are likely to be met with during the course of life. Generally speaking, those relations based upon the triangle, such as the trine or sextile, are harmonious; those based on the cross, such as the square or opposition, are disturbing.

These relationships at birth are never lost sight of when any further relationship may be made by what is termed directing. They have, however, another important consideration—namely, that the distance in *degrees* between one planet and its formation of a relationship with another planet may be analogous to a certain number of years in the native's life, when these relationships coincide with certain events.



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Thus by primary directions the Sun in 6 degrees of Aries would be distant from Jupiter in 8 degrees of Taurus by 32 degrees. Counting approximately 1 degree to equal one year, the Sun conjunction Jupiter would be said to operate about 32 years of age.

If Mars were 10 degrees of Gemini, and the M C 14 of Taurus, Mars would be 26 degrees distant from the M C. Therefore, at 26 years of age (roughly) we should say that Mars was conjunction the M C and expect appropriate events.

In the nativity at birth we have a geometrical pattern, which indicates a type of life and varied possibilities.

The time when such experiences as may be indicated come into operation is estimated by measuring in various ways when such bodies are apparently carried into relationship with others. The measure differs according to the system adopted.

In transits we have the influence of the heavenly bodies at any given moment that may be in relationship with the salient points of the nativity.

In secondary directions we measure at the rate of one day per year; the position of the planets every one day from birth equalling one year of life.

In primary directions we measure at about 4 minutes or 1 degree per year of life.

All these systems have their claim to importance. Those who have tested these directions know their proportional value.

The suggestion is here made that there is another measure which is simple of calculation, yet which has satisfied the writer of its enormous value in the estimating of crucial years of life.

In the majority of lives by far the greater number of years are comparatively uneventful, but a few years are outstanding in importance. It may be a serious illness, a marriage, financial crash, a death, or travel that makes a particular year stand out in relief.

These years are the ones we most require to ascertain. They are the points upon which our life turns. They make the deepest impression upon our nature.

If we can, from the nativity, form a good idea of the type of life to be expected, that is, the conditions we may expect to encounter, then we may seek to extract the most from such conditions.

If we can also ascertain the various years of life that are likely to make the deepest

impression, then we are able to prepare ourselves for such years.

Of course, that small word "if" is an important proposition.

The wise Ptolemy said, "Only those who are inspired by Deity can predict particulars." This is perfectly true in regard to actual particulars, but what about estimating years when benefic or disturbing influences are active?

Allowing for a small percentage of failures, which is inevitable in anything, these years of importance can, I believe, be calculated.

The character of conditions can be determined by the symbols: why not the *time* by *measure*?

Are there measures in relation to human life? Numbers and measures are numerous in the Scriptures, and what are the Scriptures but relative to human life?

The Psalmist again says, "Teach us aright to number our years before they fail."

What said the preacher? "There is a purpose, a time and season for everything under the sun."

If there are measures and rules that help us to estimate all material commodities, is it not also possible that there are divine measures that will help us to estimate the heavenly commodities—namely, the joys or sorrows, and their seasons or years, bestowed or apportioned to human life?

Reason helps the mind of man to establish measures in material values in human life.

Intuition may furnish the mind with measures in the interpretation of the propitious seasons of human experience.

The quantity of milk or food that is handed to us in exchange for our money is apportioned according to a measure instituted by man as a just or reasonable exchange, value for value. These are man-made measures for the material commodities of life.

In human life, however, there are conditions and experiences necessary for evolution, just as material commodities are necessary to physical comfort.

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The joys and sorrows, so important for the human soul, we might term spiritual food

Are there spiritual measures in relation to these? Are there spiritual laws and seasons as there are material laws and appointed times to pay our tribute?

Astrology teaches us there are that there is this analogy between the heavens and man  
"As above, so below"

In all around us we see these measures and rules and appointed times for that which is due, or for that which is most in accord with the season

Astrology proves to us that there are measures and rules which enable us to decipher or calculate the general trend of human life

It teaches us that there are operative in this universe certain principles, the counterpart of which we have within us and which incline to respond to the stimulus from these pervading principles. Thus, when the Moon, which affects the tides and moisture in the world, is increasing in power, there is inclination to response in personal feeling and emotion in the human being, particularly in those who are more of that nature

Man, however, has the power to reason,

and, therefore, is not altogether bound by circumstances, although tremendously affected by circumstances.

As example : We are subjected to climatic conditions of a certain place so long as we remain in that place. Circumstances may be such that we cannot remove elsewhere. Even should we choose another country or place, although the climate differs, yet we are again subject to climatic conditions, and we have to act accordingly.

The gardener, to whom climatic conditions mean so much, cannot choose the weather, but his reasoning powers enable him to perhaps increase his substance by contrivances, invention, and discoveries. He can reason, and by the exercise of the power of reason gains knowledge—and knowledge is power. The kind of climate he is subject to can generally be estimated in advance. The seasonable times for certain activities can be calculated. Rules and measures can be adopted which enable him to work to advantage, *but*, and this is very important, it cannot be estimated in advance as to the outcome of his reasoning power.

No one reasoning mind can say exactly what the application of another mind to its object will achieve.

Therefore, there is one thing that can step

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outside the bounds of human estimation, and that is, the result that may obtain from the exercise of that God-given prerogative—the reasoning faculty

This at once brings all scientists to a difficulty. The scientist can measure and estimate inanimate things, calculate their properties in themselves and their possibilities, but he cannot with any surety estimate what the reasoning mind may do with such

For example, a scientist could say, "In this little shell there is confined such and such powerful material, with sufficient power, if hurled, to destroy life and property." The action of the mind of another person who may handle this he cannot tell. The only thing that can be said with certainty is that the shell is dangerous, therefore all caution must be exercised with such

The human mind baffles measurement, except as to general principles

The medical man may prescribe measured doses of a certain property to his patient, and to some extent calculate its effects. In doing so he takes into account the general type of person prescribed to, yet he cannot with any surety be certain of the processes of reasoning

within the mind of the patient. A fit of depression, and the mind may reason to itself that a larger dose would end his misery.

This obtains in all things. In astrology there is this difficulty, and it is a stupendous difficulty.

By astrological rules we can, to a large extent, determine or estimate our type of person, the type of life in general, etc.

By astrological measures we can calculate the times when a man will be presented with opportunities or confronted with difficulties, but, although we may generalise as to the effects that are likely to be produced, yet we cannot particularise.

The result of the combination of circumstances with the power of reason within man may confound.

We can, with a fair amount of accuracy, measure the conditions prevailing. We can, in a more general sense, estimate the person we apply them to, but the most we can say is that there is the *probability* of certain results.

Yet this is really better than being able to say with surety, because, if we could actually predict results, then it would mean that the intelligence, the reason, has no choice, and that all things are inevitable.



are very human, with very limited knowledge and power, so that, while splendid results are often obtained, yet we must not make impossible claims

Any science or art that does not exceed the mind of man, and give still further scope for research and knowledge, is unthinkable

Take which you will ? Did Michael Angelo, with all his greatness, encompass sculpture ? Did Turner capture the whole of beauty in colour ? or Rembrandt the finality of light and shade ?

Strains of music have been captured that entrance the human soul for ages—yet Beethoven, Wagner, and the host of musical geniuses have left a greater store than they discovered

Geologists have told us most marvellous secrets in regard to earth's history, but there are more secrets contained in the vast, silent earth than ever were explored

Intellects of magnitude have spent their years of research in medical work, with their laboratories have done noble work and discovered marvellous things, yet what knowledge still awaits *their discovery* ?

Psychologists have given us wonderful

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insight into the working of the mind of man Physiognomists contributed their clues to character Yet one and all contribute their quota, great or small pass on and leave still more to discover

Therefore, why expect the impossible in astrology? Yet that is often the mistake

Astrology holds vast secrets that exceed the mind of man, and therefore the astrologer will find his limits and have his occasional failures, although his knowledge be of great value and assistance in many cases

The more knowledge he may acquire of the symbols and measures, the more power and ability he acquires

It is not enough that he simply repeat set rules and be content with theories already set forth These are valuable, and not to be dispensed with except for two reasons One, that he proves the theory has insecure foundation, the other, that he has found a theory that proves his skill Until he has such reasons it is better to follow the rule To be without rules and measures is like entering upon uncharted places, and great care is necessary lest he be led to confusion

At the same time, to slavishly follow the well trod road, to never attempt to strike out in new directions, were foolish Had

Livingstone or others of similar desire never stepped from the beaten tracks, the vast stretches of Africa were still uncharted

In astrology, as in other things, it were well that (while we honoured all that has been discovered and proved of sufficient value) we allow the mind to meditate upon the secrets that astrology must hold, and see if from that great storehouse we can glean a little more knowledge

How little we really know! and yet the little we do know we find of great help to us and to others

If, however, the whole knowledge of astrology were exhausted in our present conception of it, then might we feel dispirited, just as the tired, baffled medical man might feel, who, knowing there were diseases that baffled his skill, yet felt there were no new knowledge to discover

Knowledge, like space, is illimitable to man, whatever the subject

I have met astrologers who have felt the limitations keenly, as we all must do, yet we are only in the company of real students of any subject of worth under the sun

During recent investigations I have come across scores of items that lead me to the

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belief that patient investigation along such lines might reward the labour

Australia had its gold before the eyes of the discoverer were focused upon it. The Dead Sea has its secrets, which have recently proved alluring to speculative minds

We should never for a moment think of any subject as a finished study, and I believe likewise that astrology, while it has yielded tremendous value, yet has greater things to unfold

We are, perhaps, apt to rest too much upon that which others have provided for us. By all means let us use such, but strive to add to it if possible

### THE MEASURE AND ITS SYMBOLISM

EACH nativity may be considered as a geometrical pattern, which typifies the expression of the man and his life in general. It is a kind of stamp. This stamp marks or traces the pattern or design, with its height and depth, beyond which the life cannot be expected to rise or fall

This geometrical pattern, by imaginary movement, is capable of forming other patterns, as in the case of a rotating wheel.

These other patterns would, of course, depend upon the make up of the one at birth

These new patterns symbolise experiences of benefit or otherwise, according as the pattern is harmonious or acute

If this be so, then how important is the pattern at birth, because, once the ratio of movement has been solved, we can, by simple method, calculate from the birth map the order of these patterns, beneficial or otherwise

By this rotation a solitary aspect may be formed which, while slight effects might be coincident, yet does not constitute a definite pattern

It must also be remembered that, while as in Primary one degree is taken as analogous to one year, and in secondary directions one day as one year, there may also be another ratio of importance

Now, if for a moment we use an analogy, we might say that at the rate of one year per year we have transits over the positions at birth, and these are excitants

We narrow it down, and say one day per year brings us secondary directions to which we attach more importance. We again apply a more acute ratio and say 1 degree or about 4 minutes equals a year, considered by some to be most important.

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Take, for example, Saturn in the nativity By transit Sun passes in square to that point of Saturn at birth and we say excites to slight depression, but we should count Sun by progression at a rate of one day per year, in square to Saturn, as being much more important and longer in duration

Again, Sun by primary brought to the same square of Saturn would be considered very depressing

This seems as though the more microscopic the distance covered to the year considered, the more acute the influence or effect

The new measure here suggested is that *four-sevenths of a degree (zodiacal) equals one year of human life*

This proportion of four-sevenths is very much supported by occult facts

The numbers 4 and 7 are of great occult significance

Take first the number 7 How significant we find this number in Scripture Genesis opens the whole narrative with the seven days, for we are told of the various creative days, and on the seventh He rested

We have the writings of the Apostle to the seven churches In Revelations we have the seven seals, seven candlesticks

In the Lord's Prayer we have the seven petitions.

In our ordinary life the week is divided into seven days.

In the writings of Shakespeare we find he makes reference to the seven ages of man.

Theosophy teaches us that man is a being of seven principles.

In this number seven, we find a combination of two important numbers, four and three.

The number three may be taken to symbolise spirituality. It is the number of Trinity. We are told of three higher principles—will, wisdom, and love.

In the Secret Doctrine we are told of three life-waves.

Three wise men paid homage to Christ.

The number four represents the more suffering or material things of life.

It was on the cross Christ suffered. In the Lord's Prayer we have four of the seven petitions that refer to the lower quaternary of human nature.

This cross or four represents that part of human nature most concerned with the physical or material things of life.

It is that part of the human being that exists in the material and through which

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the higher triad of the nature finds its expression

We have the four seasons, with all their wonderful powers and mysteries, in human life, and the three, Sun, Moon, and Earth

We have the four elements—fire, earth, air, and water—and the three qualities or states of being—cardinal (active), fixed (stable), mutable (relative)

There are the four Gospels Four horsemen of the Apocalypse

The human hand has four fingers, each having three phalanges Cheirognomy teaches us that these four fingers represent principles of human nature, each phalange indicating a different expression of such principles

The thumb, representative of the higher part of man's nature, has its three phalanges—will or power, reason or wisdom, and love

The thumb lies apart from the four fingers, and determines the power of the individual

Referring again to the Lord's Prayer The three petitions, "Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done," are closely identified with the spiritual, while the other four petitions are applicable to the more material side of life and human nature.



"Give us this day our daily bread."

"Forgive us our trespasses."

"Lead us not into temptation."

"Deliver us from evil."

The numbers four and seven are very wonderfully connected. We have four quarters of the Moon, of about seven days, for one lunar month.

The numbers 1 plus 2 plus 3 plus 4 = 10, returning again to the 1.

Their total, 10, multiplied by 28 days of the lunar month give us the average days required from conception to birth.

We read of the fourfold birth, or the birth of the physical, etheric, astral, and full manhood.

If we take the four multiplied by seven years we have the average 28 years from puberty to the change in reproductive powers.

It has been said that important changes take place each seven years, and certainly at 3 multiplied by 7, equalling 21 years, the laws of the country acknowledge the coming of age.

The seven sevens, or 49th year, was regarded by the ancients as a climacterial year, as also was the 9 multiplied by 7, or 63rd year.

Take the number 7 and multiply it by the

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numbers up to 4—thus 1 plus 2 plus 3 plus 4 = 10, multiplied by 7 = 70, which the Psalmist mentions in his three score years and ten

The circle of the Zodiac is 360 degrees. If we divide this by 70 we have the proportion of five and one seventh.

In the Zodiac there are two signs so important in regard to life and death, the two martial signs Aries and Scorpio, the first and the eighth sign.

Mars, the lord of these signs, has, therefore, connection with these two important signs and houses—life, death, first, eighth.

The number of Mars all through the ages has been given as 9.

Numerologists will show us many wonderful things in regard to this mysterious number. It is the highest single number.

Now, further divide this five and one seventh by the number 9, and we have this mystic fraction four sevenths, and this I claim to be a measure in degrees equal to a year of man's existence.

The whole circle at this rate would equal 630 years.

One quadrant of this circle, or 90 degrees, will yield  $157\frac{1}{2}$  years of life.

Therefore, at the rate of four-sevenths of a degree per year of life, it would take 157½ years to exhaust all possible aspects.

A rather curious idea also arose in my mind. If we reckon degrees of latitude from the Equator to the Pole they are 90. Greenwich, the centre of the world for measurement of these degrees, is approximately four-sevenths of these degrees north.

These are some of the occult measurements that led me to the conclusion that the proportion of four-sevenths of a degree of the Zodiac is equal to a year of human life.

So much for the foundation on which the theory rests.

### THE MEASURE AND EXAMPLES

THE next point—and the one on which it would stand or fall with the practical, scientific mind—is that of its demonstration. Can sufficient evidence be brought forward to justify the measure?

Hundreds of nativities have been tested over the last two years or so, with results that make the measure more and more convincing to the writer.

Before the reader or student makes these tests, remember the important statement made previously—that the two factors must

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*Examples from 1,001 Notable Nativities*

CASE 5 No 093 Bankruptcy and Consumption, died at 54

Measure equals  $31^{\circ}$

$$\text{♄} + 31^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♀ ruler}$$

$$\text{♂} + 31^{\circ} = \square \text{ ☽}$$

$$\text{♄} + 31^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♃}$$

CASE 6. Blind, died at 22.

Measure equals  $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

$$\text{♄ ruler of 8th} + 12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} = \square \text{ cusp of 8th}$$

$$\text{♃} + 12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} = \square \text{ ☉ radical.}$$

$$\text{♄} + 12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♄}$$

CASE 7. Duke of Bourbon, died at 39 (bursting of a shell)

Measure equals  $22^{\circ}$ .

$$\text{Neptune} + 22^{\circ} = \text{♄ } \text{♃ } \text{♄ } \text{♄}$$

$$\text{Moon ruler of 8th} + 22^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♂}$$

$$\text{Ascendant} + 22^{\circ} = \text{♄ } \text{♃ } \text{♄ } \text{♄}$$

CASE 8 No 889 Burnt to death at  $19\frac{1}{2}$ .

Measure equals  $11^{\circ}$

$$\text{☉} + 11^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♃}$$

$$\text{☽} + 11^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♂}$$

$$\text{♄, ruler} + 11^{\circ} = \square \text{ ♄ near 8th}$$

CASE 9 No 686 Female, crushed to death  
at 50 $\frac{3}{4}$

Measure equals 29°

$$\text{♄} + 29^\circ = \square \text{ ♃, ruler of 8th}$$

$$\text{♅} + 29^\circ = \square \text{ ♄, in 8th}$$

$$\text{♆} + 29^\circ = 8 \text{ ♄, in 8th}$$

$$\text{♄ in 8th} + 29^\circ = \square \text{ ♀}$$

CASE 10 No 800 Died in harness Killed at  
17 (explosion)

Measure equals 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{♄} + 9\frac{1}{2} = \square \text{ ☉, ruler of 8th}$$

$$\text{♀} + 9\frac{1}{2} = 8 \text{ ♄}$$

$$\text{♁} + 9\frac{1}{2} = \square \text{ ♃ prog}$$

$$\text{Ascendant} + 9\frac{1}{2} = \square \text{ ♃ radical}$$

CASE 11 No 296 Drunkard, died in poverty  
at 67

Measure equals 38°

$$\text{♄} + 38^\circ = 8 \text{ ☉ radical, } \square \text{ ♁}$$

$$\text{♀, ruler of 8th} + 38^\circ = 8 \text{ ♃}$$

$$\text{♆} + 38^\circ = \square \text{ cusp of 8th}$$

CASE 12 Emperor of Mexico Shot at 35

Measure equals 20°

$$\text{♄} + 20^\circ = 6 \text{ ♁ in 8th}$$

$$\text{♄} + 20^\circ = \square \text{ ♁ in 8th}$$

$$\text{Prog ♃} + 20^\circ = \square \text{ ascendant, } \square \text{ ☉ radical}$$

CASE 13 Suicide at 40

Measure equals 23°

$$\text{☉} + 23^\circ = \square \text{ ♄, ruler of 8th,}$$

$$\square \text{ prog ♃}$$

$$\text{♃} + 23^\circ = \square \text{ ♁}$$

$$\text{♄, ruler of 8th,} + 23^\circ = \square \text{ ♁, prog}$$

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## *Cases of Honour or Distinction*

In all these cases it must be remembered that the aspects thus formed provide, as it were, *a background, the influence of which will be stimulated into activity by excitants such as transits, etc*

CASE I William Ewart Gladstone, Premier at 58½ years

Measure equals 33½°

	Signs	Degs	
<i>Saturn, ruler</i>	9	53	†
	+ 33	30	
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	13	23	♊ = * ☿ * MC

	Signs	Degs	
<i>Mercury</i>	6	30	♊
	+ 33	30	
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	10	0	♊ = * Saturn, ruler.

Sun within 1° of sextile Saturn

	Signs	Degs	
<i>Uranus</i>	13	10	♈
	+ 33	30	
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	16	40	† = 1° past the Δ of ♈ radical

These aspects can well be compared with the pattern formed round the period of death

CASE 2 Mussolini, Dictator at  $39\frac{1}{4}$  years

Measure about  $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

	Signs	Degs	
Uranus	21	0	♅
	+ 22	30	
	13	30	♂, which is <i>trine</i> Mars,
			<i>ruler</i> ♄ Δ ♂

Saturn by progression is  $10^{\circ}$  in Gemini

	Signs	Degs	
	10	0	♄
	+ 22	30	
	2	30	♄ = <i>sextile</i> M C
			♄ * M C

	Signs	Degs	
Neptune	21	0	♆
	+ 22	30	
	13	30	♄ conjunction radical
			<i>ruler</i> ♄ ♂ ♂

CASE 3 Rt Hon J Ramsay MacDonald,  
Premier at 57 years

Measure equals  $32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

	Signs	Degs	
Uranus	8	30	♅
	+ 32	30	
	11	0	♄ = <i>sextile</i> Neptune in
			M C ♄ * ♄

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### Death at 72 years

The measure brings Uranus to the conjunction of Neptune in Scorpio opposition Mars ♄ 8 ♂

The measure brings Venus ruler of the 8th house to the conjunction of Saturn ♄ 6 ♀

### CASE 3 Female See chart, end of book

Married at 28 = ♄ 6 ♀ ♀ 6 ♄ ♀ ♀ Δ ♀  
24 \* cusp 7th

Parents Deaths = ♄ 8 ♂ ☉ and ♄ ☐ asc  
24 ruler of 8th 8 ☉ and ♄ in 4th

### CASE 4 Percy Bysshe Shelley (*Notable Nativities*), died at almost 30 years

The measure is 17°

Saturn at birth is 2° in 8 + 17° = 19° in 8,  
☐ Uranus 19° in Leo in 8th

Neptune is brought to the ☐ of Sun ruler of the 8th in the 8th

Jupiter the ruler is brought to the ☐ of Venus in the 8th

### CASE 5 Edith Cavell (published in *Modern Astrology*, 1916 p 316), died at 50 years

Measure equals 28½°

Saturn at birth 7½° in Scorpio plus the measure 28½° = conjunction Mars ♀ 6 ♂

Progressed Neptune 8° in Aries plus 28½° = 1° from 8 Saturn radical

Mars was brought to the opposition of Uranus radical ♂ 8 ♄



## CASE 6 General Gordon, died at 52 years.

Measure almost  $30^\circ$ , one sign

Saturn at birth  $27^\circ 40'$  in Virgo, plus  $30^\circ = \square \text{ ♄}$

Neptune at birth  $27^\circ$  in Capricorn, plus  $30^\circ = \square \text{ ♆}$

Mars at birth  $27^\circ$  in Taurus, plus  $30^\circ = \square \text{ ♀}$

Here the pattern formed at 50 years of age is very adverse.

## CASE 7. Mr. Herbert Dunnico, M.P., married at 26.

*Mercury, ruler of the 7th house, is brought to  $\Delta \text{ ☿}$*

*The cusp of the 7th house is brought to  $\phi \text{ ☿}$*

*Uranus is brought to  $\Delta$  of the ruler, Jupiter.*

## CASE 8 Rt Hon. Stanley Baldwin, born August 3rd, 1867, married at 25.

Examine the planets at noon, you will find the Sun about  $10\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  in Leo, and Venus about  $26^\circ$  in Cancer.

Take the measure for 25 years = about  $14\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ .

This brings Venus to the conjunction of Sun radical  $\text{♀ } \phi \text{ ☉}$

Uranus at 25 was  $12^\circ$  in Cancer, plus  $14\frac{1}{4}^\circ =$  conjunction Venus.  $\text{♅ } \phi \text{ ♀}$

At 57 he became Premier.

The measure equals  $32\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  for this

Progressed Uranus is brought to trine of Neptune.

$\text{♅ } \Delta \text{ ♆}$

The Sun at birth  $10\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  in Leo, plus  $32\frac{1}{2}^\circ = 13^\circ$  Virgo, which is  $\ast \text{ ☿}$  progressed.

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CASE 9 Rt Hon Winston Churchill, married  
at 34

Measure equals  $19\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

The Sun is brought to  $\Delta$   $\Psi$

Neptune is brought to  $\delta$  of the cusp of the 7th  
house

Progressed Jupiter is brought to  $\delta$  of ascendant

Saturn is brought to  $\ast$   $\Psi$

Taken prisoner at 25

Measure equals  $14\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$

The cusp of 12th house is brought to the  $\square$  of  
Uranus in the 9th house

Mars is brought to  $1^{\circ}$  from the cusp of the  
12th house

Home Secretary at 36

Measure equals  $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

Mars the ruler is brought to  $\ast$  of M C

*Mercury, the ruler of the 10th house, is brought to*  
 $\delta$  of O

Uranus is brought to  $\delta$  of M C

Mr Protheroe Smith supplied me with the  
following examples

1 Own chart Father died at 5 years

Measure almost  $3^{\circ}$

The cusps of the 4th and 10th houses were square  
Mars

Ascendant was square Jupiter, lord of the 10th  
Cusp of 8th  $\square$  O



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Married at 21 years

Measure  $12^{\circ}$

Cusp of 7th house trine progressed Jupiter lord  
of progressed 7th

Venus trine progressed Jupiter ♀  $\Delta$  24

The Sun sextile part of Fortune ○ \* ⊕

3 Male born February 28th, 1894, 0 30 a m  
Married at 27½

Measure about  $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

The measure brought the Sun to sextile of Jupiter  
*in the 7th house* ○ \* 24

The measure brought Mars the ruler to the trine  
of Jupiter ♂  $\Delta$  24

The measure brought Mercury to Moon ♿  $\Delta$  24

If you examine these cases, you will find that in each one there is not only sufficiently strong aspect to equal effect, but that the directions have always *some* point agreeing with the *nature* of the event

The various methods are simple of calculation—just an addition of the cusps of houses (if known) and the age in degrees, the measure round the signs at seven years per sign for areas, and the moving of the planets along at four sevenths of a degree per year of life

Yet these simple calculations will give us the power to estimate the important periods and years of life, without confusing the mind by a multitude of systems

Take, for instance, the case of Mussolini  
Attained his power at 39½

Point of honour—house influence = conjunction  
Uranus sextile Jupiter, sextile Venus sextile  
ascendant

Point of life—sign area = conjunction Uranus,  
sextile Jupiter sextile Venus sextile as endant

Operative influence at four sevenths per year =  
Saturn sextile M C Mars sextile M C Uranus  
sextile Mars

Not only have we a powerful array of influences, but also directed around the mid-heaven

In the case of the Rt Hon J Ramsay MacDonald at the time of his Premiership we have

Point of honour = point on the ascendant midway  
between trine of M C and trine Venus and Moon

Point of life = conjunction Venus and the Moon  
and trine ascendant

Operative influence = Uranus trine M C and  
Neptune Mars ruler of the 10th sextile to the Sun  
(ruler) Jupiter trine Mercury, but Neptune  
opposition Saturn and Venus and Moon opposition  
to Uranus which soon broke down the power

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Compare these with the directions in force in his 44th year, when Mr MacDonald lost his wife by death

Cusp of 4th plus cusp of 11th (which is the 8th from the cusp of the 4th) plus age = opposition Mars almost square Sun radical

Point of life = square Uranus conjunction cusp of 4th

Operative influence =  $24 \square 7$  p ruler of 7th and  
 $\delta \square 7$  r

Now, it may reasonably be argued that, whatever the system of directing, aspects are sometimes formed without important events occurring

In secondary directions one can often find cases where strong aspects are formed without appropriate events occurring, and also that events occur at periods when aspects are not of any note when, I am afraid there is much trouble in finding a suitable culprit upon whom to lay the charge

I am not, for one moment, abusing secondary directions, having had too much experience of them to do so. The object is to emphasise these facts

1st That events occur without suitable aspects (secondary)

2nd That aspects (secondary) often occur without suitable events, whereas, in this

method of directing, the claim is made that, although aspects may be formed without events of importance, yet, on the other hand, *no event of importance occurs without aspects of appropriate nature*

Further, while a house area aspect in itself may form without event, or operative aspect may form without event, yet I venture the opinion that, given a combined influence of either house influence, or sign influence, or point of life, together with operative aspect, you always have important events

It is claimed that there is always an appropriate influence for the event that occurs

The simplicity of calculation is no deterrent. One is apt to have the notion that only that which is difficult and very technical is of real worth

The theologian discourses learnedly and weightily, making powerful appeal and interest to reason and intelligence, but heaven is nevertheless not confined to the theologian

The academic medical professor sets forth his rules and precepts, and joins in council with his learned colleagues to give to a sick world their valuable remedies, yet healing is not confined within their formulas. Simplicity has often confounded learned treatises

There are cases where shepherds and way-faring men by simple observations have estimated weather portents as well as the most complicated deductions.

Likewise, in astrology, while the minute computations are valuable and interesting, and exercise the calculative powers, yet there are simple measures that are capable of sufficient results to enable the astrologer to estimate.

All people have not the mathematical mind. It is advantageous to have the power of calculation, as so much more accuracy of measurement can be obtained. *Yet a mathematical mind alone*, if not accompanied by *vision*, will be badly equipped for astrology, as would be the man of vision without the power to erect the plan.

### THE SCOPE OF THE NATIVITY

DURING the course of my studies in astrology, many students have asked the best way of delineating a horoscope.

It would be impossible to give any definite plan, as the reading of a horoscope must be individual, free, allowing the reasoning powers and the intuition full play.

There are, however, a few points of advice



that might be given, or a few suggestions made

The first thing to be emphasised, in my opinion, is the grasping of the main plan

Just as, in a play, drama, or narrative, one looks for the thread, the central point around which the whole narrative revolves, so should the horoscope be studied in regard to the principal features, etc

Unless this can be done, then must the reading be disjointed and scattered, and lacking that individual note thereby being less arresting and convincing

The elocutionist knows the art of expressing the passages that tell the story, and, though the uninspired may read every word, yet, lacking the emphasis of certain points, the true rendering were lost This is because lack of knowledge of the real setting or theme has made the tale most ordinary, and less characteristic of the matter concerned

In every nativity, outstanding or mediocre, notable or commonplace, there is this theme, and it is the finding of this that is so important

To thoroughly grasp this demands two things 1st, the proper material at the disposal of the interpreter, 2nd, the art in oneself necessary for the interpretation

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The first is like the story one has to relate or the setting of the music one may be playing

The second is the understanding of the story, or ability to enter into the theme concerned

The first (in astrology) depends upon a correct horoscope—that is, a true horoscope built on correct data, so that the proper setting of planets, signs and houses has been obtained

This is often spoilt by lack of the *time* of birth, which upsets the setting of the houses This is of great importance

It might roughly be likened to a drama being enacted without the *scene* of the play the principal actors, stripped of the materials required It is only a half descriptive drama

The artist cannot reasonably be expected to fully depict the subject

Some important ideas can be given, but much of its value is lost It is not the fault of the astrologer if the time cannot be given

However, assuming the correct data is given, and a true horoscope can be erected then the second factor, namely, the art of interpretation is required

This can be taught, to some extent, just as the rudiments of any art or science can be

taught, but the art has to be within to be stimulated

Therefore, the interpretation or reading must always depend upon the art we possess in our subject

One important point we must never forget—the horoscope not only depicts the setting of the life, the estate, as it were, the native possesses, but, if we can enter into the symbolism of it, we are *not only* able to describe the plan of the estate to the native, but also, by the knowledge of its values and properties, to help the native to cultivate and use it to the best advantage

The *possibilities*, as well as the probabilities, are important. The measure lies not only in the objects and surface, not only in its present or past states, but in its productive power—the hidden depths as well as the obvious

It is obvious, for example, that an afflicted Saturn indicates restrictions and obstacles, but, as this planet represents one principle of the human being, *what is its productive power?* How much of value can be derived from an afflicted Saturn is the important question, as well as what obstacles it will give

This is equally true of every planet, and the setting of the planet will give us the clue. The position and setting of the planet give us

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*its present power, but this power can be increased, else were astrology in vain*

The grouping of the planets in signs and houses symbolises the state or quality of such principles of our nature as the planets represent. By their positions we know what conditions are likely to be encountered in regard to these particular principles.

The planet Mercury in the sign Capricorn is far different from that planet in the sign Aries. It gives us the type of mind. The mind, to use a loose term, has a different outlook on life and in this sense is restricted, placed within limits. These limits are the boundaries, as it were, of that particular sign—Capricorn, for instance.

Yet what a range of possibilities in that sign. There is sufficient power and scope in that one sign (if the mind utilise, instead of being utilised) to produce exceptional shrewdness of thought, otherwise it were deniable that Capricorn produces its statesmen and powerful business men.

Human life in this world is always a keen struggle between the power of the individual to extract from the conditions around, subject to laws obtaining, or, on the other hand, of being utilised and shaped by conditions around.

Therefore the sign containing any planet, or the symbolic division of the Zodiac the planet is allotted to, should not only be studied in regard to conditions imposed, but also in regard to the wealth of resource contained in that sign.

I am afraid we too often regard the sign as something like this : Mercury in Capricorn inclines you to a practical outlook, gives you an earnest, cautious mind, at times apt to look too darkly on things—and so on.

This is all perfectly true. The sign does incline you that way. But, if you have Mercury in Capricorn, what possibilities are there in the sign, what will an understanding of the power that Capricorn possesses enable one to accomplish ?

The nativity symbolises the plan, on which lines the affairs of life will run. It shows us the *powers or influences* that are brought to bear upon us, the type of qualities we possess, but *each* sign has also been the sign of the greatest men of the ages. *Cæsar, Alexander, Bacon, Socrates, Milton, had no other sign under which to exert their power.* Their style or type was according to the sign from which the tremendous resources were extracted.

In the interpretation of the horoscope, the aim should be that of awakening the native to

The black cap and villain's outfit are often held dangling before its children, until to be born under it is often deemed unfortunate.

Yet think of the tremendous power to be culled from this sign. True, there is a stipulation (but this is also present with all signs), and in Scorpio the stipulation is that of self-mastery.

Without this self-mastery there will be keenest suffering, not only within the self, but without, for those in contact will suffer through the strong, intense feelings this sign stimulates.

Cultivate self-mastery, and you not only govern self, but your power extends far and wide.

The warning should always be given of the liabilities that may accrue from any sign, but the enormous possibilities of each sign should also be clearly defined.

The nativity should not be a kind of dread and ominous mystery, but a glorious message of hope and promise.

Let us by all means be shown the way it inclines, but let us also be shown how the heights it inclines to may be scaled and reached.

If this be the aim in the interpretation of the nativity, apart from any prediction of

times and seasons, then I claim that astrology has a value equal to any science, and surpassing a good many activities of the mind that may be indulged in

In considering the influence of the planets, several are considered benefic, several malefic, and others doubtful

Mars, Uranus, and Saturn are generally considered malefic Neptune is a planet of mystery in most cases

Jupiter and Venus are termed benefic, as also the Sun and Moon, while Mercury is considered neutral

I cannot see how any of them are really malefic, except that the difficulties arising in connection with their departments are more extreme and painful Mars is so extreme in his power for heat and piercing quality that his influence in excess, or uncontrolled, produces burning, inflammation, cuts and wounds, etc., whether bodily or in feelings and mind

Yet we have to bless Mars in many instances for the courage, executive power, energy, and zeal which he imparts His danger is that his power proves beyond our control

How welcome we find the hot fire when conditions around us prove its need! How we depend upon its heat for many purposes!

Yet we know full well that his heat is remorseless. It must be used and controlled, not allowed its power whither it would, otherwise we have the burn, scald, scorching, with its terrible searing property. Therefore we wisely seek to curb its activities, make it the servant, not allowed to run rampant.

It is the same with this quality within us. We all have this fiery principle of Mars in our nature, without which we should indeed be insipid. Under desire, impulse, or passion he works his way, giving motive for action, desire for object, rush to acquire, heat for sensation. Do we see to it, like we do the material fire, that there is the curb for its activities? Do we utilise it, or is it like the roaring furnace at times that makes everything tremble at its scorching, withering, destructive heat?

Let us examine the nativity and see how much of this principle is indicated.

Let us remember that he is a good servant, but a bad master.

If Mars in the nativity is very prominent, such as on the ascendant, mid-heaven, or crossing his sword with many other planets, then, indeed, must we be on our guard.

Here we have useful material, but so strong and powerfully placed that the things under



his sway will beset us with all sorts of dangers. We must control those forces or they in turn will torture, consume\_us.

His heat and power are so terrific, his effects so painful, that no wonder his influence is termed malefic.

We do not attach much credit to his power when he gives us our hot coffee, when he enables us to go forth with confidence, but we tremble before the mighty flame and furnace, and his cutting steel, when directed against us, instead of at our service.

If Mars at the time of birth be very strong, then much of his power will be at our disposal, or will threaten us with a challenge for supremacy.

How can we best turn this great force to account, harness his power, and place it, as it were, in proper bounds, so that it becomes constructive, not destructive? Only by realising that Mars *in us* responds through the impulses, desires, and passions. If we can curb these, and be the master of them, we have done much. The task is not by any means easy, but the aim is possible, otherwise all ideas of evolving to perfection were mere words.

The Mars *without us*—that is, the influence of his nature brought to bear upon us—can

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The nativity is a never ending source of knowledge. Every house is a division comprising affairs the span of which not only encompasses this life, but has its roots previous

to this existence, and its final effects carried beyond our few years in this life

Take any house you will The division called the 3rd house has significance in regard to my relations (mental, in studies, or blood relations, or relations to places around) It gives me a clue to what experiences may reasonably be expected in regard to them Yet the beginnings of these relationships have their origin in the past For instance, before my birth, my elder brother or sister were already existent The reason *why* this particular relationship was brought about is rooted in the past The effects of such relationship are experienced in the present, but results of such will produce future effects

Therefore in this one house alone there is a mine of knowledge that will always be in excess of my understanding

At the same time, the more I understand, the more I seek to extract from such relationship, the more I remove its boundaries or limitations on one hand, and improve the necessities or blessings of such, the better the effects that follow

The mental inclination or interest, of which the 3rd house gives much indication, is but an unfolding of that within me ere birth, when met with stimulus from without, yet

the stimulus without were before existent, while that within existed potentially.

The results of such stimulus and combination of the within and without will be productive of experience in this life, but its effects will be carried further

Then, again, this house and its significance are too much for complete understanding. Yet how marvellous that this one little division, with its symbolism, should cover so much in human life. It is often dismissed with a few words

Take, for example, a case where the 3rd house is as follows. Scorpio on the 3rd house, no planet in the house, Mars the ruler, in the sign Libra opposition Saturn and trine Jupiter

It may, perhaps, be dismissed as follows. Mars ruler of the 3rd will give intense feeling regard to relationships, together with some very extreme experiences. Mars trine Jupiter will bring much benefit and good feeling, while Mars opposition Saturn will, on the other hand, give acute conditions, and break down many of these relationships. You will require much self-mastery and control in such, but Mars in Libra will always incline you to seek harmony. You will for ever have to be in the rôle of adjusting matters

The affairs of the house might be in many instances dismissed with even fewer words, yet think a moment of the tremendous probabilities and possibilities in this one division of human life. What might a little knowledge and understanding accomplish in such? Who can estimate the effects of such directed understanding?

If only better effort were stimulated in this one department, the study of the horoscope were not in vain.

The same obtains with all the twelve houses—probabilities, possibilities, opportunities, and enough to engage and challenge understanding and power the whole life.

And yet these houses are by many held to be the least of importance.

It will be argued by some that *all* is according to plan, and therefore fated.

The influences that play *upon us* are according to plan, but I do not believe that the response is according to plan, but that our thoughts and actions in dealing with what has already been propelled decides the furthering of the pattern.

Christ said, "Recompense to no man evil for evil, but overcome evil with good."

If Fate reigned supreme, then we should

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divine, but the human understanding can measure that which is likely to obtain in the human life that is as yet in slumber and not yet fully awake to the power of the spirit

In introducing these new measures, it is not for one moment the intent of the writer to lose sight of the value of any system in use

Astrology is as old as the hills, figuratively speaking, and the broad principles upon which it rests always remain the same. It is impossible to replace. No one can replace truth. No one can replace law. It may be possible to discover more workings of the law.

All the rules and theories advanced in astrology have helped students in their application of astrological principles. The advancing of yet other theories does not dispose of the ancient rules, it only adds its little quota to the understanding and efficiency.

Astrologers at present suffer discredit for several reasons. We suffer because there is a feeling in many minds that astrology teaches fatalism.

Fatalism is abhorrent to human nature. We often like to imagine we are fated just for the moment. We know we are limited, hedged in, encompassed around, and, when

our spirits flag, we like to imagine awhile that Fate reigns supreme. It is only the lull, the respite, before we resume the battle and hew our way forward. We like to deceive ourselves awhile, but we know we should be most miserable and despairing did we really believe it were all fate, and no amount of striving were really of ourselves.

Sometimes in life we feel the blow has been so severe, we are almost counted out; it would be so easy to cease our effort; but something makes yet another agonising effort, another bid for victory, and would we call that effort automatic?

The idea that the nativity is a chart of some dreadful, inevitable, fatal ring of influences, within whose clutches we are, and against which we have no power to strive, because our very *power* is within that circle, is one of the greatest detriments to astrological study. No circle ever yet were created that shackled power completely.

It challenges power, but the circle ever widens to power and understanding.

The circle of the Zodiac, and the band of influence of planet, sign, or house, can seem very narrow and restricting, but understanding discovers that as we move forward, so the circle appears to widen, while we find



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that what appeared limit was only the appearance of limit. That hill appearing against the horizon seemed the extent of earth 'twixt us and the horizon, but, as we go forward, the horizon is still equally removed, and we discover more than hitherto.

Away with the idea that astrology depicts a circle in which we are like trapped, hunted creatures!

We are in a circle, we shall encounter many things, difficult or pleasant, and astrology *can picture these things for us*, but the circle is wider than we imagine. It is so wide, we never reach its limits. We discover and discover, all the time having experience of comfort and discomfort, the sum of which is **EXPERIENCE**.

Its symbols, however, according to our knowledge of them, help to guide us. They are like signposts or landmarks that help us to better understand our way, to steer our course to better advantage.

Astrology is not Fate, but the signpost to **FREEDOM**.

Another reason why we, as astrologers, suffer is. That although astrology is claiming much more earnest attention at present yet the *main* body of representative thinkers do not acknowledge its claims, and, in a sense,

it might be termed the outcast, as far as they are concerned.

Take four representative types of mind—the religious, the judicial, the medical, and the scientific. Although within all these four there are adherents or believers in astrology, yet, as a body, each of the four either refute or ignore its claims.

One might say that they respect its antiquity; they may have interest in its symbols, but little faith in its practical application.

Its origin and long line of descent is worth their respect.

In its ancestry, notables are admitted to have existed, but the line of descent became very obscure, until it was well-nigh obscured.

That such a thing should come to pass, until the learned as a body should view with suspicion anything that could be of worth in a state so low, is quite natural and in keeping with the order of things.

Christ, who embodied the very essence of Christianity, had the weight of this against Him. "Can any good come out of Nazareth?"

His line of ancestry was from David, the King, and was traced along for ages, but the trace must have become very obscure to have resulted in the birth in such lowly estate,

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and the epithet, " Can any good come out of Nazareth ? "

The weight of opinion of Church, State, the legal mind, etc , was not for, but either against Him or indifferent to Him, yet Christianity was embodied in Him

In the Church we have the learned, noble, earnest teachers and believers, who can expound to us the words of Scripture, but yet leave us very uninformed of the *meaning* or *significance* of the 12 disciples, the 12 gates, the 12 tribes , or the 7 seals, the 7 churches, the 7 washings of the leper, or the 7 days spoken of in Creation , or the 4 Gospels, 4 horsemen, etc , yet who, as a body, reject that very source of knowledge whose symbolism is exactly in keeping with these wonderful keystones of Scripture

If it were because its holy symbols have been commercialised and used unscrupulously, then perhaps it were understandable , but if there be truth in astrology, and that is being corrupted or perverted, why not lift it from perversion and commerce ? Why not protect the beautiful, majestic symbols from the hands of the pillagers ?

It may be that the Church would deem unwise the scanning of the <sup>+</sup> <sup>re,</sup> or pre-  
diction, yet we are asked, <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> late great

men of Scripture whose office was chiefly the rôle of prophet

It may be argued that those great men were inspired by Deity We fully believe they were, but none can tell us when inspiration commenced or ever ceased to be, and we cannot believe for one moment that the elders of our Churches would themselves object to inspiration to prophecy in these days, *if only they could acquire the gift*

All honour to those good souls and earnest minds who seek to expound the Scriptures, *may their power and insight increase*, but I sincerely believe that a study of astrology would increase the reverence for the wonderful laws operating in human life, and also the meaning of those wonderful passages so often met with in Scriptures

Perhaps the most difficult charge to meet would be that of its inability to prove correct in its estimation from time to time Correct estimations can often be proved, but not always, therefore, say the critics, "Of what use is it, when there is uncertainty?"

Let us meet the critic on his own ground *Do you belong to any association or body of thought with any claim to perfection?* Does that earnest, zealous medical practitioner always diagnose correctly, and, having

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EXAMPLE I      Wilson Barrett . (actor)  
(*B J A.*, November 1928).

Married in 1866, at about 21 years.

### *House Measure*

	<i>Signs</i>	<i>Degs</i>
Take the cusp of 11th house	.	.
(friendship leads to marriage)	6	5½
Plus the cusp of the 7th house =	1	21½
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This equals 27° of Scorpio	7	27 = 27° m
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27° of Scorpio plus 21° = 18°	†	♂ ruler, ♂
	<i>Signs    Degs.</i>	
Or take the 1st house	..	7    21½
Plus 7th house	..	= 1    21½
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This equals 13° of Capricorn	9	13 13° ♄
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13° of Capricorn plus 21° =	4°	Aquarius * ♀
		and 24 almost

### *Operative Influence*

Wilson Barrett died aged  $59\frac{1}{2}$  years.

*House Measure*

	Signs	Degs.	
Cusp of 1st house =	7	$21\frac{1}{2}$	
Cusp of 4th house =	11	$12\frac{1}{2}$	
	19	4	= $4^{\circ}$ m.
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$4^{\circ}$ m. + $59\frac{1}{2}$	= $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ♍ ☐ ⊕ and ♀		

*Operative Influence*

Measure for  $59\frac{1}{2}$  =  $34^{\circ}$ .

Prog. ♄ + $34^{\circ}$	=	☐ cusp of 8th.
♂ in 8th + $34^{\circ}$	=	☐ progressed 24
⊕ + $34^{\circ}$	=	☐ ♀ ☐ ♀
○ + $34^{\circ}$	=	♂ ⊕ ♂ ♀
♂ + $34^{\circ}$	=	☐ ♀

If you take the central point of the group of planets in Aquarius, which equals about  $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  of Aquarius, the Moon, plus  $34^{\circ}$ , is almost 8 this focus point.

If you take the mid-point between the cusp of the 8th house and the ruler of the 8th house, you have  $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  of Aries.

$17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  ♈ +  $34^{\circ}$  = the exact degree of 8  
ascendant

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Or the mid point of the Moon in the 8th and the ruler of the 8th equals  $20^{\circ}$  of Aries

$$20^{\circ} \gamma + 34^{\circ} = \square \psi$$

EXAMPLE 2 Robert Louis Stevenson (*Notable Nativities*) -

The cusps of houses and planets are only given in degrees.

R L S married in 1879 about  $28\frac{1}{2}$  years of age

### House Measure

	Signs	Degs
Cusp of 11th (friendship)	= 9	1
Cusp of 7th	= 4	18
	13	19 = $19^{\circ} 8$
$19^{\circ} \text{ of } 8 \text{ plus } 28\frac{1}{2} = 17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} \pi \times \text{cusp of 7th}$		
		$\Delta \text{ progressed } 24$

### Operative Influence

Measure = $16\frac{1}{2}$	
Jupiter $13^{\circ}$ in $\pi$ plus $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$	= * ♄
Neptune progressed $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} \times$ plus $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$	= $\Delta$ O
	<i>ruler of 7th house</i>
But O ruler of 7th plus $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$	= $\square$ ♄
Cusp of 7th house plus $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$	= 8 ♄

R L S died at 44 years of age

*House Measure*

*Signs Degr Mins*

Cusp of 6th house = 3 17 30

Cusp of 8th house = 6 27 30

10 15 00 = 15°

15° of Aëuariüs plus 44° = □ of ♀ ruler of 8th house.

*Signs Degr Mins.*

Cusp of 4th house = 2 16 0

Cusp of 6th house = 3 18 0

6 4 0 = 4°

4° of Libra plus 44° = 18° in □ ascendant.

*Operative Influence*

Measure for 44 years equals 25°.

Neptune 4° in ♈ at birth plus 25° = □ ♀ ruler of 8th

♄ 26° ♀ plus 25° = 8 Or.

♄ 12° in ♎ plus 25° = □ ♂.

Examine the two maps in ordinary secondary directions.

Wilson Barrett at death. Progressed date = April 18th.

Progressed Sun 28° ♀ \* cusp of 8th house

Venus progressed conjunction Jupiter ♀ p ♂ 24 p

Saturn 17½° = \* radical ruler, ♂ ♀ \* ♂ ruler

But Mercury, ruler of 8th, □-progressed Saturn.



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R. L S at death      Progressed date =  
December 27th 1850

Sun progressed  $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  ♊ just leaving \* ♄ ap  
proaching \* ♀

Mercury progressed  $21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  ♊ \* ♀

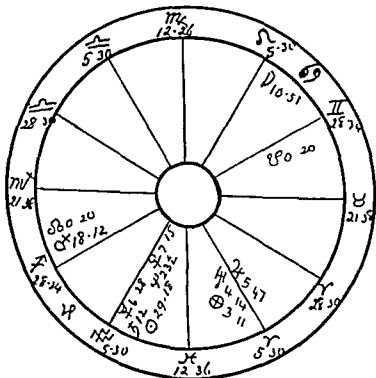
Mars progressed  $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  ♋, leaving trine of Uranus  
\* cusp of 8th      ♌ ♄

But Venus ruler of 8th square ♄ ♀ ☐ ♄ ♀

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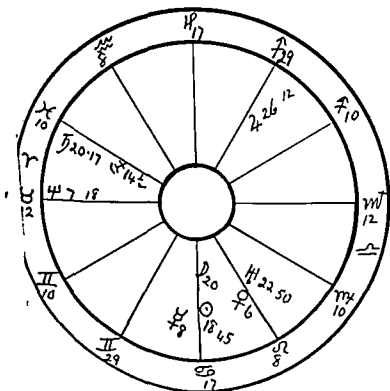
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